

GAINED OVER \$115,000.

February Bank Clearings Indicate Returning Prosperity and Good Business for Canton.

The bank clearings for Canton are rapidly increasing, which is a certain evidence of greater business activity and general prosperity. The clearings for February, 1894, amounted to \$470,000.12. This year they jumped to \$504,062.19, a clear gain of \$115,062.07. Mr. Will Krumlauf of the First National bank, who keeps the records of the clearings, stated today that for the past six months there has been a gradual increase and that the ratio of increase is becoming greater every month. Another evidence of returning confidence and prosperity is that the checks are for larger amounts than during the panic. During the time of the scare just as many checks were handled as common but they were for smaller amounts. Business men bought heavily, but now they are beginning to deal heavier, and the checks are correspondingly larger.

STERLING FOR MAYOR

And the Women for School Board—The Prohibits Nominate and Tell What For.

The prohibitionists held their nominating convention for municipal and township officers Wednesday evening. It was a good night for prohibitors—lots of water outside—and the convention was the largest ever held for the city. There were twenty-nine men and four women present. After some oratorical flourishes on the part of the old war horses in the party, the following nominations were made: Mayor, James Sterling; marshal, Henry D. Alexander; street commissioner, Peter J. Palmer; water works trustee, Peter V. Loutzenheiser; market master, John N. Bebout; board of education, Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson, Mrs. Frances E. Shively and Michael A. Troutman. Councilmen: First ward, Thomas H. Bates; second ward, Charles E. Robinson; third ward, John A. Doherty; fourth ward, Samuel B. Bell; fifth ward, George C. Harvey; sixth ward, George N. Webb; seventh ward, Robert G. Middah; assessors: First ward, J. C. Hayhurst; second ward, Isiah E. Fockler; third ward, Fred E. Tidd; fourth ward, John C. Fisher; fifth ward, Monroe M. Herbst; sixth ward, L. B. Gardner; seventh ward, John W. Hoffie.

Township ticket: Trustees, William Ritterspach; treasurer, Lewis M. Bachtel; constable, Newton J. Wise; justices, Aaron A. Munaw and John M. Bebst; assessor, Charles W. Noel.

The committee on nominations said that a candidate was being prepared for city solicitor but as yet he was not ready to go into the race.

The convention instructed that he be well groomed and put on the track later.

The convention decided that the school board election should be non-partisan and they endorsed the cause of the women and put them on the ticket.

Late Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Jones, one of the nominees of the woman's meeting, withdrew in favor of Mrs. Shively, owing to domestic duties that absorb her time. Mrs. Shively, although she refused to be a candidate on the republican ticket against the convention nominees, for the sake of the cause consented to have her name appear with Mrs. Ferguson upon the prohibition ticket in an independent fight, and she was endorsed by the chairman of the woman's convention.

The prohibitors then forthwith nominated Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Shively and their names will appear on the official ballot under the white rose. Mr. M. Troutman, the banker and ex-high school professor, was selected to keep the ladies company on the ticket.

The convention raised a campaign fund for literature, and adopted the following principles:

THEIR PLATFORM.

Whenever a municipal government fails to accomplish the objects for which it is instituted, namely, the common good of the whole people, it is the duty of the voters to change the administration and laws, so as to secure the greatest good to the greatest possible number of its citizens.

To this end the prohibition party, in mass convention assembled, invite the co-operation of all good citizens for the accomplishment of the following reforms:

The enforcement of all laws and ordinances. The suppression, as far as the municipal government has authority, of the saloon with all its evil influences.

The municipal control or ownership of gas, electric light plants, telephones and street railroads; the same to be operated in the interests of the people.

The abolition of the contract system in municipal work.

Thorough revision and equalization of salaries of public officials.

The divestment of our school government from partisan and sectarian control.

That we halt with joy the partial enfranchisement of woman, and look forward with hope to the time when she shall be promoted to full citizenship.

That if entrusted with the reins of municipal government, the prohibitors pledge themselves to the abolition of the brutal practice of cock-fighting and the more brutal prize fighting or boxing contests as now conducted in our city, with the knowledge and consent of our present city government.

We will issue no bonds but with the consent of the majority of the voters of the city and will only sell bonds C. O. D.

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DEMOCRACY'S CHOICE.

For a Gubernatorial Candidate—A Poll of the State

Shows That ex-Governor James E. Campbell has a Proud Place in the Affections of the Democracy—That J. S. Bates, Also of Butler, has Many Friends—Stark's Choice as Expressed in the Poll is for Clark, of Youngstown—An Interesting Chance at the Political Horizon.

THE Cincinnati Post recently polled the state in reference to a Democratic candidate for governor. That paper asked the Democracy of each county its choice of a Democrat to make the gubernatorial race, also in the event of ex-Governor Campbell announcing himself, what his strength would be. The purpose of the second question was pertinent, as the political intentions of Mr. Campbell were in doubt.

The result of the poll is told below.

Democratic Ideas of a Governor.

ASTORIA COUNTY—Virgil P. Kline, first choice, second.

BUTLER COUNTY—Sorg, if he will be a candidate, it being believed that ex-Gov. Campbell will not be a candidate.

ADAMS COUNTY—Paul Sorg first choice, and Walter B. Ritchie second.

AUGULA COUNTY—The Democrats stand firmly to ex-Gov. Campbell, and he has this county solid. He is Anglia county's favorite son.

BROWN COUNTY—Democrats here seem to favor Sorg.

CLAYTON COUNTY—Democrats here look on the contest as hopeless, and he who seeks may find, so far as Clermont is concerned.

CONHOCTO COUNTY—Ex-Gov. Campbell would stand a good chance of getting the delegation to the Democratic convention.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY—Should ex-Gov. Campbell enter the field it is probable that he would receive strong backing from Cuyahoga county Democrats. Among the most prominent of his friends here are Major W. W. Armstrong, collector of Canton, Zehring, and Martin A. Forn.

It is probable that John Farley and the city administration will also be favorable to Campbell, in case he shows a disposition to enter the race.

CLARK COUNTY—Paul Sorg, if he wants it. Collector McMillan, ex-Mayor Barnett, Postmaster Wallace and Mayor Johnson are his friends.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY—P. J. Sorg first and Samuel Hunt second.

CLAYTON COUNTY—General E. B. Finley, of this county, is a candidate and will get this county's vote. Outside of General Finley, of about twenty leading democrats interviewed, it is about a tie between Campbell, Kline, Carey, Thurman and Brice, with Campbell in the lead for second choice. Neal and Tom Johnson each have an admirer who would like to see them govern.

CARROLL COUNTY—Campbell, if a candidate. No second choice. Editor J. V. Lawler and J. Fernal control delegations from this county.

DEFIANCE COUNTY—Sorg for Sorg. He is favored by the organizations, both old and new.

DAKE COUNTY—No names mentioned except Paul J. Sorg by Hon. C. M. Anderson, who thinks Sorg should have the nomination if he wants it.

FRANKLIN COUNTY—John J. Lentz and ex-Speaker N. R. Hysell, of Columbus; Hon. Paul J. Sorg, of Butler county, and Hon. Walter B. Ritchie, of Allen county, have been mentioned. There is more probability of Hysell being a candidate than Lentz. Hysell would probably secure the delegation, providing ex-Governor Campbell were not a candidate.

GREENE COUNTY—Sorg, of Middletown, or John H. Thomas, of Springfield.

HOCKING COUNTY—Campbell, Judge Acker, Seth Weldy and Lewis Green are among his followers.

HIGHLAND COUNTY—Paul Sorg. If a candidate.

HENRY COUNTY—Should Campbell be a candidate he could carry this county easily by at least 500.

HANCOCK COUNTY—If Walter B. Ritchie comes out he could get some of the county delegates, unless ex-Governor Campbell should agree to accept, when the latter would have the county without opposition. Among Campbell's friends are W. H. Kinder, S. D. Haupt, J. R. Kugel, E. T. Dunn and A. Zagechrist.

HOLMES COUNTY—Democrats seem to favor "cassidy" congress to talk on democratic gubernatorial candidate, but Kline, of Cleveland, stands well.

LAKE COUNTY—Virgil P. Kline first choice and Allen W. Thurman for second choice. George W. Alvord, chairman of the county democratic central committee, S. K. Stage, S. Thompson, John S. Ellen, A. P. Squire, Matthew Dickey endorse this.

LAWRENCE COUNTY—Campbell only man mentioned.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY—Democrats united for Sorg. Collector Dowling, Auditor Lewis, Recorder Lindermuth, Joe Frank, T. A. Sely and J. B. Brenner are for Sorg.

MEDINA COUNTY—If ex-Governor Campbell is a candidate he will likely be first choice. J. B. Young, James Long, John Canavan, William Morgan, F. E. Edwards, George Gruninger, second, Virgil P. Kline and C. J. Warner.

MAHONING COUNTY—Sentiment among democrats is that Brice is the logical candidate for governor, he having received all the honor at the hands of the party, and should now bear the burden of carrying the state ticket in the coming campaign.

MERCER COUNTY—Undoubtedly in favor of Walter B. Ritchie for Governor, Ritchie is a conspicuous C. O. P., and that organization is very strong in this neck of the woods. McMahon, of Dayton, is second choice.

MIAMI COUNTY—Democrats seem to favor Sorg. In a poll he was Seventeen, Campbell fourteen and McMahon eleven.

NORFOLK COUNTY—Bedford wing is for Campbell or his man Friday, whoever he may be. While Spriggs-Branton wing will be for any man who can down the Campbell influence. Among Campbell's supporters are Postmaster Belford, Wm. C. and J. H. Okey, attorneys: C. O. Dye, attorney and J. W. Bigley, editor. The anti-Campbell crowd is led by D. S. Spriggs, Andrew Branton and Chris McKee.

PICK COUNTY—Campbell first choice, J. W. Johnson, editor of the Courier, who so bitterly opposed his nomination before, is now favorable to him. John A. Jones thinks Newman, of Portsmouth, the man, but is for Campbell if he wants it. Auditor Adams, Sheriff Hutt, Prosecuting Attorney Caldwell, ex-Mayor Gehlman and Judge Morgan are all for Campbell. T. D. Dayton favors Paul J. Sorg.

PORTAGE COUNTY—Virgil P. Kline, of Cleveland. No second choice.

PAULING COUNTY—Campbell or Sorg.

PICKAWAY COUNTY—Democrats here are not pushing any candidate, but Campbell would be a favorite with the leaders—A. R. Van Cleaf, Colonel Sam Fuller and A. J. Grisham.

ROSS COUNTY—Campbell has some warm friends here and with no contest would carry the strength of the party. If a fight were on he would be opposed by the Neal faction, which is largely in the ascendancy in this county.

SCIOTO COUNTY—Hon. James Newman favors McMahon, of Dayton; Mike Stanton, Walter Ritchie, of Lima, Editor Patterson, Paul Sorg; Oscar F. Newman, John J. Lentz; Postmaster Jones; George Kricker, and

SANDUSKY COUNTY—For Colonel William

Haynes, if he can be induced to run; otherwise, John T. Garver is for Frank Hard; Bud Garver, Colonel William E. Haynes; B. Meek, Colonel Haynes; B. R. Darrow, Colonel Haynes.

SENECA COUNTY—Unanimously for Campbell for anything he wants, from president down. If he is not a candidate they want Judge Hunt, of Cincinnati, or John W. Wines, of Defiance.

SUMMIT COUNTY—Campbell endorsed by John Hall, A. T. Paige, S. C. McNeil, and among other men W. E. Young, W. J. West. This faction bitterly opposed to Brice. Congressman Sorg is well thought of by Editor W. B. Dobson and his followers.

STARK COUNTY—R. W. McCaughey says he could support Campbell heartily, but would would rather support John F. Clark, of Youngstown. Postmaster Mann is a warm friend of Campbell. The Young Men's Democratic club.

THURBELL COUNTY—Hysell a favorite. If John H. Clark is a candidate he will get substantial support here.

VINTON COUNTY—Ex-Auditor Foreman and F. P. Mace favor Campbell for governor. County Auditor Gold and C. P. Ward are for Charles Baker.

VAN WATSE COUNTY—Campbell has a strong following in this county. He is looked upon as one of the best and ablest leaders of his party.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY—Paul Sorg is the favorite of most Democrats for the gubernatorial nomination, ex-Gov. Campbell second choice. Among those anxious for the nomination of Sorg are ex-Probate Judge Gibson, C. B. Hare and W. R. Hare.

WOOD COUNTY—Ex-Governor Campbell is the choice of Hon. E. Cole, Hon. John C. Canary, Judge Henry D. Alexander, J. M. Manville and others. Walter B. Ritchie and Tom Johnson also have many admirers. Wood county democrats will vote to Campbell first and probably to Ritchie second.

WILLIAMS COUNTY—Campbell will, no doubt, stand a better show than any other man on the democratic side for governor, but no choice as yet.

WARREN COUNTY—Paul Sorg is well thought of, but Campbell could get the delegation. Ex-Senator W. F. Elzeroth, Charles A. Reed, William G. Thompson, Dr. J. L. Stephens, late candidate for congress and in fact all the leaders of the party are friendly to Campbell.

WASHINGTON COUNTY—Campbell could get the nomination.

DEATH OF MRS. UNDERHILL.

After a Long Life of Usefulness She Passes Away Thursday Morning.

At 10:45 Thursday morning Mrs. J. W. Underhill died at her home on South Market street. A week ago she was attacked with a severe case of la grippe, and being in the seventy-fifth year of her age and of rather frail constitution she was unable to withstand the power of the disease and for the past few days little hope has been entertained for her recovery.

Wednesday her daughter, Mrs. Fogle, of Stillwater, Minn., was telegraphed for but before she could arrive the final dissolution between body and soul was made manifest.

Mrs. Underhill was one of the old residents of Stark county. She was born and raised at Stark county, which is now the northeastern part of Massillon. Her maiden name was Henrietta Wigdon, and she leaves a brother and sister, Mr. Charles Wigdon of Loganport, Indiana, and Mrs. Galbreath of Los Angeles.

On Nov. 2, 1842, she married Mr. Underhill, who was then a young lawyer in Massillon. They lived in that city until 1861, when Mr. Underhill was elected probate judge, and they then came to Canton, and have been residents here since.

Three children, Mr. Arthur Underhill, Mrs. W. A. Lynch and Mrs. Henry Fogle were born to them, and all are living.

Mrs. Underhill was well and favorably known by all of the older residents of this city and Massillon and much sorrow will be felt at her decease.

The arrangements for the funeral will not be made until Mrs. Fogle arrives. She is now on her way and will be here this afternoon.

PRIVATE LIBRARIES.

How Extensive They are in Canton—Some Interesting Interviews on the Subject.

Comparatively speaking, Canton has few private libraries of an extensive character. But why? The subject implies several reasons, and we are going to ask a number of the city that can readily afford the best that can be furnished them. As a class our people like good literature, but so few undertake to stock their homes with good manuscript that the subject is worth mentioning. For that purpose we have interviewed some who have good libraries and some who have not, whose opinions are of weight.

Mr. Fred Hartzell was seen and said: "The private libraries of Canton are very poor representatives of good libraries. People who would and could afford to have fine libraries, either belong to the Public Library Association or take books from the same. Books at the present day are so cheap that people should invest more money in them. I have about 1,500 volumes, mostly of English authors. The 'Henriads,' by Voltaire, and a Martin Luther Bible of 1743, I greatly prize."

Judge W. R. Day would not express an opinion on that subject, he has a library of 1,000 volumes, which formerly belonged to Judge Schuster, deceased. It contains many valuable works in French and German.

Mr. Shields has a library of about 1,000 volumes. He hesitated in expressing an opinion, but said: "I do believe a private library is a benefit to any household, but understand that I do not wish to discourage the reading of books received from the public library for I really believe it very beneficial to the laboring class of people."

Mr. John C. Welby, said: "I have always heard from book agents that Canton was a poor city to sell books. If the price was asked on this subject, all would be bettered, and should have better private libraries, considerable more interest would be taken in the public library. We certainly have cause to regret the attitude of the people on this subject. I have a fair reaching library, that is, books dealing on every subject."

James A. Grant when asked why he thought that private libraries had not been more fully and generally established in the city here replied: "Your question is perhaps broader and more difficult to answer than it seems at first sight. There is a reason for this condition and it is fairly obvious. Literature, the study of it—and this is what libraries public or private imply—follow pioneer life by a distance of several generations; while I do not think there is lacking here some appreciation of books yet neither here or elsewhere can it be expected that what can be termed fairly a laboring people will indulge in the luxury of fine private libraries; the intelligent collection of a library is not the work of a day, nor is it simply a question of means; the taste needed for such a wealth, are not accumulated ordinarily within limits that grandeur and grandeur."

Mr. Grant has several fine editions in his library, notably a copy of Scott and Victor Durray's history of Greece and Rome. He says that his books have for the most part been brought "upon impulse" and not with any reference to the needs of such thing as a balanced library, though he has a good library.

To read the advertisements in the "News" one reads of the leading merchants of Canton.

HIGHWAYMEN IN ALLIANCE.

They Hold Up the New Preacher for Middlebranch But Get No Money.

At Alliance Thursday night highwaymen shot and attempted to hold up Rev. H. H. Martens, the new pastor of the church at Middlebranch, near Butler, Pa., and was on his way to his new charge at Middlebranch.

He was driving through in a buggy and when he reached State street in Alliance about 8 o'clock Thursday evening, two men stopped him, one seizing the bridle of his horse and the other covering him with a revolver and demanding his money. The horse reared and threw the one robber aside, at which Rev. Martens cut at him with his whip and attempted to escape. The second highwayman opened fire with his revolver, the first shot going through Mr. Martens' ulster and breaking off a button above his left breast, while the next shot cut through two fingers of his left hand. The third shot struck him in the hip, but on account of his heavy clothing did more than severely hurt. Two other shots were fruitless. The robbers escaped.

Mr. Martens is suffering somewhat from his wounds, and a party is out hunting for the desperadoes.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

The Aultman Co.'s Reorganization Completed and Work Will be Commenced Soon.

The final meeting for the reorganization of the Aultman works was held at the office Wednesday afternoon and the work entirely completed. The members of the reorganization committee were Theodore King, vice president of the National Bank of Redemption of Boston, G. E. Clifford, president of the Wachusett national bank of Fitchburg, B. F. Dennison, cashier of the Market Street national bank of Philadelphia, S. L. Severance, president of the Euclid Avenue national bank of Cleveland, Charles Steese, president of the First national bank of Massillon, W. W. Clark, president of the City national bank of Canton and the first national bank of Canton and one of the incorporators.

The election of directors resulted in placing upon the board the following: Messrs. King, Clifford, Dennison, Severance, Steese and Clark as representatives of the creditors, Hon. Lewis Miller of Akron, and Hon. W. A. Lynch and M. B. Cox of Canton.

The board elected Hon. W. A. Lynch president and treasurer, W. W. Clark vice president and chairman of the board, and M. B. Cox secretary. Mr. Lynch, Mr. Clark and Mr. Steese were appointed as the executive committee.

After the election the board spent some time discussing plans for the closing up of the old business and beginning anew. It was decided to begin the building of threshers and engines as soon as the necessary preparations can be made which will take about two weeks.

In the opinion of the board it was thought some other articles should be made besides threshers and engines but no decision was reached on that matter.

In the election and in the later discussion of plans the greatest possible harmony prevailed and a spirit of confidence was manifested that augurs well for the business in the future. The gentlemen at the head of the industry are eminently capable and experienced and they hope and expect to bring the new organization back to its former prosperity and to make it even better for Canton than it ever has been before.

THE 57TH

Marriage Anniversary of George and Barbara Lesher, of Plain Township.

An interesting event was the celebration of the 57th anniversary of the marriage of George Lesher and his wife Barbara at their farm residence in Plain township, just west of the Westler church, about four miles from Canton, on the 21st ult.

Few old people anywhere are better preserved as to health and faculties and more likely to enjoy such recurring anniversaries for years to come, and none more worthy of the same.

The assemblage on the occasion was only modest as to numbers, consisting of their four daughters and their sons, and their families, living hereabouts, and a few other relatives and neighbors. The oldest son living in Kansas and his group were the only absent ones of the lineage.

Singular to say the couple were married on the very farm which they now own and occupy, and Mrs. Lesher was born there on April 22, 1818, being a daughter of Adam Essig, the then owner.

On this very farm, too, after a few months they began housekeeping in a cabin just put up for them. It is needless to say the old people were not forgotten as to suitable presentations; but the time was one for joy and enjoyment, and much satisfaction was taken in going over the past with the changes they have lived to and to realize.

Of the nine offspring born to Mr. and Mrs. Lesher one died at the age of three years, while the others, four sons and four daughters yet survive. The twenty-nine grand-children and five great-grandchildren were all present but two.

A few words as to the life history of so worthy a man as George Lesher will not be out of place. He was born in Northumberland county, Pa. April 18, 1814, so that he is near 81 years old, and is still active on foot and otherwise. In September, 1835, Mr. Lesher came to Stark county, and being a carpenter by trade, soon got work at fifty cents a day. His first boss was Koch or Cook, who was working on a large flouring mill at Zear, and he worked for this man a year and a half. After this he worked during the summer for David Eller, and in the fall followed it back to his old home, returning the following April.

After working for Eller during the summer he accompanied the late Judge Loutzenheiser on a tramp to Dekalb county, Indiana. On returning in three or four weeks he continued to work for Eller, but at cabinet work and by the piece, earning \$16 a week. In the meantime he and Barbara Essig arranged matters which were duly consummated according to law on February 21st, 1838, which partnership still continues.

He soon turned his attention to farming and for four years ran, as a renter, the old Daniel Smith farm, now E. L. Smith's. Then for several years he ran the Abram Lind place, now owned by Joseph Klinker. After this he bought a farm in Lake township, selling it five years after, when he bought a farm in Jackson township, two miles or so west of New Berlin.

In 1866 he bought his present homestead of 230 acres for \$18,000, paying one-third down. Mr. Lesher followed threshing for twelve years, and was the first man about Canton that had a separator, made at Minerva by Kerstetter & Davenport.

Mr. Lesher took a hand in building the Wendler church, and has served as pall bearer at twenty-one funerals. It will be seen that George Lesher has passed a useful life thus far and his Barbara has been with him in well doing, and it is proper to say that both are yet in fair condition and realize that life has yet its pleasures. Long may they continue with us.

BUCKLE'S ARNICA SALINE.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, scalds, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetanus, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay returned. It is guaranteed to be perfect in every respect, and money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Durbin, Wright & Co., druggists.

THE SUN VAPOR LIGHT CO.

Hon. John Sherman stated to a Newsman Thursday in regard to the purchase of the Sun Vapor Light company, that the new company was almost ready for organization. The First National bank, of Canton, the Farmers' bank, the People's bank and the City National were among the largest creditors of the company.

When the new company is organized a charter will be taken out under the laws of West Virginia. The factory and principal business offices will be located in Canton. As to the officers of the new company he was not prepared to state except that Charles Russell of Massillon would be president.

There is a considerable amount of Massillon capital interested in the new company. The creditors' committee was compelled to pay more for the shop than they intended. It is fortunate, however, that the creditors' committee were successful, or the probabilities are the plant would have been removed to Cleveland.

ELOCUTION AT GROVE HALL.

The Grove Hall school house, just north of the city limits, was the scene of a most enjoyable elocutionary entertainment Thursday evening. Mr. C. W. Faust, the East Canton florist, offered a price of two beautiful bouquets for meritorious composing and declaiming to the Jeffersonian debating club at the above mentioned place. The society divided the reciters into two classes, a primary class admitting all children under fourteen years of age and a larger senior class admitting all of fourteen years and over.

Fourteen aspirants entered the contest and all present witnessed a most excellent treat. President Westler selected Mr. J. L. Coy, Mrs. Norwood and Miss Carter as judges.

Master Fred Zimmerman carried off the primary prize with a selection entitled: "Why can't the boys have their rights?"

A decision in the senior class was not so easily reached as there were a number of excellent declaimers "in it." After a good deal of parleying on part of the judges the prize was awarded to Miss Emma Anagel, who recited "Stella and Star," an original production, in most pleasing and graceful style.

The exercises of the evening were enlivened by music by Strassner's Military band, of Canton.

The audience tendered a vote of thanks to the band, the declaimers, to Mr. Faust and the judges, and then adjourned in a happy frame of mind.

A DESPERATE MAN.

One of the Alliance Highwaymen Shot and Jailed—He Tries to Kill the Officers.